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2. SOMALI SECRETARY OF CULTURAL AND HIGHER EDUCATION
SHEIKH MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT OCTOBER 8 IN GENERAL
DEBATE SPEECH:

QUOTE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE WELCOME DISSIPATION OF COLD
WAR TENSIONS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC HOPES THAT MEMBER STATES WILL AGREE, AT THIS
SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO END ANOTHER UNFORTUNATE
LEGACY OF THE PAST -- NAMELY, THE CONTINUED PRESENCE IN KOREA
OF WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION
FOR THE UNIFICATION AND REHABILITATION OF KOREA AND OF
AMERICAN ARMED FORCES UNDER THE SO-CALLED "UNITED NATIONS COMMAND".

QUOTE THE INTERNAL DIALOGUE WHICH IS CONTINUING BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH HAS GIVEN THE KOREAN
QUESTION A NEW CLIMATE: A CLIMATE IN WHICH IT IS POSSIBLE
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FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO HOLD A FULL AND OBJECTIVE
DEBATE ON THIS ISSUE. THE WELCOME PRESENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NORTH KOREA, WHO FOR THE FIRST TIME
ARE ATTENDING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS OBSERVERS, WILL
GIVE BALANCE AND VALIDITY TO SUCH A DEBATE.

QUOTE THE TASK BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS CLEAR:
IT IS TO CORRECT THE MISTAKES OF THE PAST. IT WAS A
MISTAKE, INITIALLY, FOR THE WORLD ORGANIZATION TO HAVE
GIVEN UP ITS ROLE AS MEDIATOR AND TO HAVE TAKEN SIDES IN
A COLD WAR ISSUE. THAT MISTAKE IS COMPOUNDED BY THE CONTINUED
PRESENCE IN SOUTH KOREA OF FOREIGN ARMED FORCES UNDER
THE UNITED NATIONS FLAG. THEIR PRESENCE IS A SYMBOL
OF THREAT AND HOSTILITY, AND IS ONE OF THE MAIN STUMBLING
BLOCKS TO THE RECONCILIATION AND REUNIFICATION OF THE
KOREAN PEOPLE.

QUOTE AS FAR AS THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE
UNIFICATION AND REHABILITATION OF KOREA IS CONCERNED,
IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE TIME IS LONG OVERDUE FOR THE
DISSOLUTION OF A BODY WHICH HAS ITSELF DECLARED THAT IT
SERVES NO USEFUL PURPOSE, AND WHOSE ONE-SIDED APPROACH ILL
BEFITS A UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING OPERATION.

QUOTE THE REALITIES OF TODAY MUST NOW BE REFLECTED IN THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF NORMAL CONDITIONS IN KOREA. THE
QUESTION OF REUNIFICATION AND OTHER INTERNAL QUESTIONS
CAN BE DECIDED ONLY BY THE KOREAN PEOPLE THEMSELVES.
NOW THAT THEY HAVE FORMULATED AND ACCEPTED THE PRINCIPLES ON
THE BASIS OF WHICH THEY INTEND TO PROCEED TOWARDS
REUNIFICATION, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION
FOR THE UNIFICATION AND REHABILITATION OF KOREA AND THE
SO-CALLED "UNITED NATIONS COMMAND" REPRESENT UNWARRANTED
INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THAT COUNTRY.
THEIR PRESENCE CAN ONLY HAMPER THE CREATION OF CONDITIONS
LIKELY TO BRING ABOUT THE PEACEFUL AND INDEPENDENT
REUNIFICATION OF KOREA. IF THEY ARE ALLOWED TO REMAIN, IT
WILL MEAN THAT THE LESSONS OF THE TRAGIC WARS IN SOUTH-
EAST ASIA HAVE NOT BEEN LEARNED. END QUOTE.
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